

# California State Water Project Suspended State Water Reacquisition

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Board of Directors  
Flood Control and Water Conservation District

# Reacquisition Process

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- Reacquisition of Suspended State Water Formally Requested by CCWA (January 7, 2016).
- County Sends Formal Letter to DWR to initiate Process
- County and CCWA to work with DWR on next steps; agreements, contract amendments, CEQA, etc.
- CCWA Allocation - CCWA Wide Drought Buffer vs. Agency Allocated Drought Buffer
- Return to Board for further action



# History of Suspended Contract Amount

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- 1981: Santa Barbara contract amount reduced from 57,700 AF to 45,486 AF
- 1982: DWR agreed to allow Santa Barbara to reacquire the 12,214 AF
- 2007: DWR grants requests from Santa Barbara.
  - Implementation delayed due to recession
- 2016: Santa Barbara seeks to reactivate water acquisition



# Purpose for Requested Reacquisition

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- Drought buffer
- Four interested communities:
  - Santa Maria: 10,814 AF, 61% increase
  - Guadalupe: 600 AF, 99% increase
  - Santa Ynez ID#1: 500 AF, 71% increase
  - Solvang: 300 AF, 20% increase



# Estimated Costs

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- Estimated one-time payments:
  - \$27 million to DWR
  - \$6.2 million to SB County
- Participating agencies will provide their own funding for the past costs.
- Future annual costs: \$150/AF (projected)
- Excellent cost/benefit ratio:
  - 27% increase in water
  - 4% increase in costs



# Requested Action

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- Submit request to the Department of Water Resources for reacquisition of 12,214 acre-feet.

